

REMARKS

In an effort to expedite the examination of this application, by this Amendment After Final Rejection, Applicant has cancelled claim 1, which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), claims 2-12 and 17, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant reserves the right to pursue protection for the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application. Accordingly, the cancellation of claims 1-12 and 17 have rendered the rejections moot.

As such, by virtue of this Amendment, claims 22-29, which have already been designated as allowed, will remain in the application.

All matters having been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of pending claims 22-29.

Applicant submits that the entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not require any further consideration; (c) places the application in better form for an appeal, should an appeal be necessary.

Applicants' Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975, Order No. 008312-0305989. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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